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Moonlight Crossing

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Chapter 1 by OrigamiNinja

I gazed across the clear lake, looking for anything suspicious. I was in a small glade, surrounded on all sides by tall pine trees. I was sent here by Adarandia, the legendary fortune teller, who told me that the revelation of a lifetime awaited me, if I could only solve the puzzle of Mirror's Edge, this lake. I walked around the lake, scrutinizing everything in sight of a secret. Suddenly, I saw it. Next to a small rock, there were a series of knobs. I thought, That must be the way in! I rotated the knobs every which way, looking for the right combination. Then, I heard a loud grating noise. I flipped around and saw a great dark passage leading into the lake. I said, "Here goes nothing." I cautiously walked into the cavern, opening up the next chapter of my life.

Chapter 2 by SaintSayaka

Of course, I had heard tales of what occurred in the cavern, but I dismissed them as I walked deeper down. Everyone's experience was different, and worrying if mine would be one of the horrifying ones would do me little good. My parents had named me Anise, the herb one sleeps on to element nightmares, for a reason. Putting the concerns out of my head was effortless.

The walls were dotted with torches. A nice touch. They put me at a wary ease. I did not know

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Most would have been thrilled at this, but I couldn't help but wrangle with my disappointment. I had wanted my future to involve a great deal more monster slaying, and this was not what the chamber was giving me. What was my future, then? To enjoy the warmth of torchlight? I was not one to argue with the gods, but in the moment, I couldn't help but to shriek into the black air.

"Easy, girly," a voice responded from the pitch. "It's not over yet."

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